

DEMOCRATS WANT STRONG PLATFORM

Weakness of Republican Pro-nouncement Suggests Ad-
visable Declarations.

POPULAR ELECTION OF SENATORS AGAIN

Proposed Law for Physical Val-
uation of Railroad Property
Will Cause Big Fight.
Wilson or Harrison
for Vice-Presi-
dent.

WITH the Republican ticket complete, and the head of the Democratic ticket known as well as though the Democrats had already acted in convention, speculation is rife regarding the probable identity of the nominee for the vice-presidency and the nature of the platform to be adopted at Denver. Democrats realize that it is going to be a hard matter to escape the charge certain to be made by Republicans that the Denver platform is a copy of that prepared at Chicago. There is no doubt that the Democrats will have to declare for a great many of the things for which the Republicans have already declared this year.

The Republicans were inconsistent, and violated their best precedents and traditions when they inserted many of the most prominent of the planks in the Chicago platform, and the Democrats would be grossly inconsistent, too, if they rejected several things which the Republicans apparently regarded as trump cards. The Democrats, however, will probably put into the Denver platform all the planks which the Republicans refused to use.

A Democratic Outline.
It is regarded as well assured that the Denver platform will contain, among others, strong declarations on the following subjects:
The power of inferior Federal courts to grant writs of injunction.
The publicity of all campaign contributions.
The election of United States Senators by the people.
The strengthening of the prohibition combination in restraint of trade.
The subject of Federal court injunctions has proven very unsatisfactory to the organized labor people, as well as to others who favor limitation of the authority to grant injunction processes. It is recognized as a clear straddle, not entirely without shape, but utterly void of meaning.

The demand for popular election of Senators, as evidenced by the adoption of the primary in so many States, is widespread. Important national platforms for several years past have been declaring for the election of Senators by the people, and the Legislatures of about one-half the States of the Union have adopted resolutions calling upon Congress to submit to the people a constitutional amendment to this end.

The demand for the publicity of all contributions to campaign funds is very strong in both parties. In these respects and in several others the Denver platform will differ from that adopted by the Republicans at Chicago.
Physical Valuation Plank.
It does not appear to be settled that the Democratic platform will contain a plank declaring for a physical valuation of railroad property in the United States. strenuous efforts were made by Senator La Follette and his followers to secure adoption of this plank by the Republicans, but their efforts failed. It is regarded as likely that the Democrats will declare for legislation of this sort, but doubtless there will be a fight over the proposition.

The principle involved is very dear to the heart of Senator La Follette. A great many Democrats, including Mr. Bryan, have taken the position that it will be impossible for the Interstate Commerce Commission to decide just what constitutes a "reasonable rate" until it knows how much the railroad company has invested in its property. Congress would not adopt the physical valuation principle in enacting the rate law of 1905. The Interstate Commerce Commission recommended to Congress this year that such valuation be made, alleging that the reasonableness of a rate could not be determined without it. Opponents of such legislation asserted that the adoption of the principle by Congress would give such enormous advantage to the cheaply constructed competing line that the road which was built at greater expense would be practically forced out of the transportation business.

It is probable that there will be no bitter fight in the resolutions committee at Denver than that aroused by this proposition for a general valuation of railroad properties.

The absence of any clear-cut declaration in the Republican platform in opposition to the centralization of power at Washington suggests that the Democrats at Denver will probably come out in no uncertain terms against the Republican tendency to obliterate State lines.

As Bryan's Running Mate.
Though there does not appear to be anything like concentration of sentiment upon a candidate for second place on the Democratic ticket, it appears that Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, and Burton Harrison, of New York, are leaders for vice-presidential honors.

The impression that Mr. Bryan favors the nomination of the President of Princeton University is widespread. Many Democrats advocate the nomination of Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, as Mr. Bryan's own mate. There are two objections to this nomination; the first, that both candidates would thus be chosen from a section west of the Mississippi; the second, that Governor Johnson says he would not accept the nomination for the vice-presidency.

BANKERS FINISH WORK

Close at Hot Springs One of the Best
Seasons Ever Held.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HOT SPRINGS, VA., June 20.—The fifteenth annual convention of the Virginia Bankers' Association closed today, and is generally conceded to have been one of the best and most profitable of all those held. Secretary Galling has been heartily congratulated on securing so many speakers of such high order. As a token of appreciation of their services a committee was appointed to select and present loving cups to the president and secretary.

Chairman O. J. Rands, of the committee on taxation, made a very interesting report this morning, and a vote of thanks was tendered the committee for its excellent work.

Officers elected are: President, Joseph Stephens, of South Boston; Secretary, N. P. Galling, of Lynchburg; Treasurer, H. A. Williams, of Richmond. Mr. John M. Miller, Jr., of the First National Bank, Richmond, was chosen to represent the association on the executive council of the American Bankers' Association.

The question of a State bank examiner was brought up, creating an interesting discussion. Mr. Galling offered a resolution that a committee be appointed to co-operate with the next Legislature for a protective provision affecting only the State banks.

EXPLOSION ON SHIP

Three Negroes Killed and Vessel In
Practically Ruined.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 20.—As the result of an explosion on the steamer Arcadia, as she lay in her berth at the Washington Avenue Wharf, Delaware River, today, three negro stevedores are dead, and a score of other workmen are injured.

The Arcadia arrived here yesterday from Hamburg. The explosion, of which it was not definitely known, occurred in the after hatch, while twenty-five stevedores were in the hold unloading the cargo, which was of a general character. Fire followed the explosion, and the steamer was seriously damaged before the flames were extinguished. In the effort to put out the fire, the Arcadia was practically filled with water.

Many theories as to the cause of the accident have been advanced. One of them is that a bomb or infernal machine may have been placed in the hold. Another is that the explosion was the result of a spontaneous combustion, due to the generation of gases from the dampness in the hold, caused the explosion.

The injured, the majority of whom are negroes, will recover.

BUT ONE CAN SELL

Greensboro Council Limits Filling Li-
quor Proscriptions to One Drug Store.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GREENSBORO, N. C., June 20.—The City Council this afternoon adopted an ordinance confining the sale of liquor on prescription to one drug store, present licensees to continue to days. The single drug firm to be licensed by payment of \$10 quarterly is yet to be selected. The ordinance also requires the chief of police to inspect the prescription files monthly and publish the number given by each physician. The name and the total amount of liquor prescribed by same. It also provides that the names of all patients who procure more than half a gallon during the month shall be published.

The ordinance was recommended by the Guilford County Medical Society, which alleged that the sale of the present liquor prescription business by drug stores and some physicians. Others charge that it will only benefit the Virginia mail order liquor houses by transferring trade to them from Greensboro druggists.

EDITOR JENKINS IS DEAD

Made Comfortable Fortune in Business
and Went Out West.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., June 20.—Donald Caffery Jenkins, in the fifties and sixties one of the best-known newspaper editors in the country, being owner and chief editor of the New Orleans Delta, and later of the Picayune, died at Sierra Madre today, aged 82. After removing from New Orleans to St. Louis, and then to Galveston, where he was editor-in-chief, he came to the Galveston News. When the Dallas News was annexed to the Galveston Journal Mr. Jenkins edited it from his office in Galveston. After securing a comfortable fortune, he sold his interest in the two papers and moved to Los Angeles, where he made his home. Mr. Jenkins was born at Vicksburg, Miss., in 1825. He leaves a widow, one son and five daughters.

POPE HAS FAINTING SPELLS

His Physicians Urge Him to Leave
Rome and Go West.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROME, June 20.—Somewhat of a sensation was created here by the announcement that the Pope's physicians had decided that he should go to another climate if his life was to be shortened by several years.

The weather here is intensely hot at the moment, and the Pope has been the victim of the fact that his holiness has for the past ten years been a sufferer from a weak heart. The heat affects him considerably, and although it is not known, he has fainting spells continually. During the past week, it has been learned, he was carried to his bedroom twice after giving audience and did not recover from the weakness the attacks brought on for some time.

The last attack was so serious that all of the Pope's physicians, numbering six, went into hurried consultation. It was agreed that what the Pope required is a cold and stimulating climate.

WOMAN PLUNGES INTO OCEAN

Mrs. Barnhill, in Street Costume, Goes
In and Is Drowned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILMINGTON, N. C., June 20.—In the night of hundreds, Mrs. Estelle P. Barnhill, aged about thirty-five years, and a stenographer in the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line here, plunged into the ocean at Wrightsville Beach this afternoon, evidently seeking death.

Dressed in full street costume, she walked just beyond a large pleasure pavilion at the beach and ran into the surf. She was soon at the mercy of the waves, and was drowned. Her body was shortly afterwards recovered, and was brought to the city late tonight. There is no apparent reason for suicide. Who no doubt it was, Mrs. Barnhill came to Wilmington from Elm City, N. C.

UNABLE TO PICK CAMPAIGN LEADER

Disagreement Develops at
Conference in Cincinnati
and Matter Is Postponed.

HITCHCOCK DECLINES, BUT MAY ACCEPT YET

Believed That Plea as to Condi-
tion of His Health Is Not Final
and That He Will Be Im-
portant Factor at Wash-
ington Meeting on
July 1st.

CINCINNATI, O., June 20.—So far as it concerned the selection of a chairman for the Republican National Committee, Secretary Taft's visit to his home city was a fruitless mission.

Frank H. Hitchcock, who managed the preliminary campaign of the candidate, might have had the position, but at the last moment he declined to permit the use of his name, because of the state of his health. A telegram received by Secretary Taft from Mr. Hitchcock today requested that he be not considered in connection with the chairmanship, as his physical condition is such as to render it almost impossible for him to undertake the onerous duties of campaign manager.

Official Statement.
It is significant that, after a conference lasting about two hours, Secretary Taft, Representative Sherman and members of the subcommittee of the National Committee, decided to postpone action on the chairmanship and treasurer of the National Committee until July 1st.

"On that date a meeting of the candidates and the members of the subcommittee will be held in Washington finally to determine the matters which could not be solved to-day. The following official statement was issued by direction of Secretary Taft this afternoon:

"Yesterday the national committee in session at Chicago, delegated to a subcommittee consisting of eight members, the power to act in the matter of the election of a chairman and treasurer of the national committee, and directed its subcommittee to confer with the nominees for President and Vice-President before action. All members of the subcommittee were present at the conference to-day with the nominees, except Mr. W. L. Ward, of New York, who was represented by Mr. Hart, of Iowa.

"The conference of the committee showed harmonious views of the situation, and the necessary for a chairman, but disclosed an indisposition on the part of several who were suggested as available to accept the place, including Mr. Hitchcock, who declined to be considered on account of his health.

"After conference, the committee decided that the matter was of such importance and required such careful consideration, with various persons suggested as available for the place, that an adjournment was taken until July 1st, when the committee will reconvene at Washington.

The committee authorized Hon. Myron T. Herrick to make public this statement.

The proceedings of the conference with this exception were executive.

Difference of Opinion.
The members of the subcommittee met with Secretary Taft and Mr. Sherman shortly after 12 o'clock, after which they adjourned to the Ohio State Committee and others in regard to the matter. Those present at the meeting, in addition to the Republican candidates, were General Powell Clayton, of Arkansas; Frank B. Kellogg, of Michigan; Charles McNamara, of Missouri; E. E. Hart, of Iowa; Senator W. E. Borah, of Idaho; E. C. Duncan, of North Carolina; Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois; and Myron T. Herrick, of Ohio.

The conference, as stated, was executive, and despite an agreement that it should not be discussed by the parties to it, it is known that a considerable difference of opinion arose as to the choice of a national chairman.

Secretary Taft, it can be said, felt that the view of all the circumstances, for would be the part of wisdom to postpone definite action for a time.

Later in the afternoon he said to a representative of the Associated Press: "It was deemed wise to defer action for the present, both as to chairman and treasurer of the committee. It was not a question of the chairmanship, but of the matter before us. We have plenty of time, and the subcommittee."

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BRITISH CRUISER TO BLAME

Court's Decision in Collision Between
Gladiator and Lister St. Paul.

LONDON, June 20.—Sir John Gorell Barnes, president of the admiralty court, in giving a decision today in the case of the collision between the cruiser Gladiator and the American liner St. Paul, said he would give judgment merely as between ship and ship, and not as between the action of those aboard the Gladiator.

The court found that the St. Paul's speed was not excessive; that it was not true that her helm was starboarded; that manoeuvres were substantially as pleaded by her owners, and that the Gladiator was distinctly to blame. The court added that the witness who had asserted that the St. Paul gave a two-blast signal were mistaken. There was only one blast. There would have been no collision if the Gladiator's helm had not been improperly starboarded.

DROWNED WHILE WADING

Not Known He Was Lost Until Another
Boy Stopped Over His Body.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GREENSBORO, N. C., June 20.—Jesse Durham, aged thirteen, the adopted son of Patrick Cunningham of this city, was drowned at Morehead's Mill this afternoon. He was one of the Bessemer Avenue Presbyterian Church Sunday-school pupils on the annual picnic of teachers and pupils.

A strange feature of the tragedy is the fact that he was not known to be drowned until another boy, who was wading thigh deep on the edge of the pond, stumbled and fell over something at the bottom, which proved to be Durham's dead body. A large number of boys had been wading here for some time, and Durham's absence had not been noticed.

This is the third Greensboro boy to be drowned within the past three weeks.

BLOWN TO ATOMS

One Man Killed in Explosion That Was
Felt Thirteen Miles.

DENVER, COL., June 20.—Luther Hockman was killed and a number of persons were bruised today by an explosion of three thousand pounds of nitro glycerine at the Dupont Powder Company's works at Louviers, twenty miles south of Denver. The neutralizing plant was destroyed. The loss was \$3,000. Hockman was the only person in the building in which the explosion occurred. His body was blown to atoms.

Many windows in the town were broken, and the shock was felt thirteen miles distant.

TWO DEATHS FROM HEAT AND TWO PROSTRATIONS

PITTSBURG, PA., June 20.—Two deaths and two prostrations are the result of the weather conditions in this vicinity during the past twenty-four hours. While the official thermometer only registered eighty-five degrees today, the heat was oppressive. A warning was sent out from the Weather Bureau to-night announcing that all heat records would likely be broken to-morrow.

HANLY OVERCOME BY HEAT WHILE MAKING ADDRESS

OTTAWA, KAN., June 20.—Governor Frank J. Hanly, of Indiana, was prostrated by heat while addressing the Ottawa Chautauqua this afternoon. Governor Hanly revived under medical attention, and started for home to-night. The Governor came here from the Chicago convention. He had most finished his remarks when he was taken ill. His condition is not critical.

DOG BITES WOMAN FORTY TIMES, AND LITTLE GIRL TEN TIMES

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 20.—Mrs. George J. Kont, forty-five years old, of this city, was bitten forty times, and her eleven-year-old daughter, Ethel, was bitten ten times by a pet bulldog in the parlor of their home to-day. The condition of both mother and daughter is serious. The dog was killed.

DAUGHTER OF ROCKEFELLER STRICKEN WITH APPENDICITIS

SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 20.—Mrs. Harold D. McCormick, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, was taken ill with appendicitis on a New York Central train at Utica this morning. Dr. Arthur Grant, of Utica, was called to attend her, and she was relieved sufficiently to continue her trip to New York.

Aerodrome Tests Satisfactory.

HAMMONDSPORT, N. Y., June 20.—The preliminary tests of the flying machine and surfaces of aerodrome No. 3, the most recent addition to the flock of flying machines to be tried out here, and which were completed yesterday, were made yesterday. It had been planned to make a flight yesterday afternoon, but the tests, which proved satisfactory, were not completed until well into the evening, too late for flying.

Charged With Abuse.
Tom Jeter, colored, was arrested yesterday by Constable Samuels on a charge of cursing and abusing another negro named Jackson. He was held by Squire G. W. Thomas for his appearance in court to-morrow morning.

WEATHER.

Fair.

SPEND NIGHT AT HOME OF MARSHALL

Howitzers Camp in Church
at Markham, Birthplace
of the Jurist.

GOING OVER GROUND WHERE MOSBY FOUGHT

Marchers Joined by Colonel Chap-
man, One of Mosby's Cap-
tains, Who Leads Way.
Making Progress and
All in Good
Health.

BY REV. JAMES POWER SMITH,
Alde on Stonewall Jackson's Staff.
MARSHALL, VA., THE HOWITZERS CAMP, Saturday, June 20.—Friday afternoon was about the toughest march our boys have had. It will be remembered with the rain-storm at Harrisonburg. After our arduous reception at Front Royal we turned into the road to Manassas Gap, and the sun blazed down upon us with more crazy fervor. The hills were high and steep, and the mules had to be helped in a friendly way both up and down.

Later in the afternoon we found the summit and greeted the good country of Fauquier. There was a rest at Linden, and then a willing tramp into the hills. We turned into a fine grove around an old stone church near Markham and an old-time landmark at the head of the grove. The church was filled with sleepers. It never before, under the longest of germons, we are in the Marshall country, and an old log home is the birthplace of the first and greatest of chief justices of the United States. The time has been when there were hundreds who bore his name in the country around.

Where Mosby Operated.
The country will long be known as the field of the operations of Mosby. We have been joined by Colonel W. H. Chapman, one of Mosby's captains, who can tell us much of the thrilling story of his life. They are followed by a strong corps of veterans—Captain Lamb, Major Carter, Colonel Gray, Captain Boshier, Major Christian. All are officers in the command, and add dignity if not daring to the famous march.

At Markham we had the pleasure to meet Colonel Stribling, a distinguished artillery officer of the Confederate army. At one time one company of the Howitzers was included in his command. He is a well preserved and an active gentleman.

Nannie, the New Market belle, an Angora kid acquired at New Market, is the mascot, as happy as the boys. The country is promptly overrun, and pocket money is exchanged for tobacco, lemonade, cheese, smoking tobacco and postal cards.

General Myers is moving his army with admirable skill. With frequent halts for rest and water, he is moving rapidly. Eighteen miles a day, and carrying his train with the columns. The Potomac River is the ultimate object, with no design on Washington. We reached Marshall at 1 P. M. Friends surround the chaplain, who has struggled to-day, and his dinner was to be remembered.

SUE CITY OF LYNCHBURG

Gravity Water System Contractor Re-
tains Bill as Counsel.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., June 20.—C. G. Williams, who was the contractor on the gravity water system, recently constructed for Lynchburg, has retained Caskie & Coleman, of this city, and David Bennett Hill, of New York, as attorneys to institute suit against Lynchburg for about \$100,000, claimed to be due by the city on the water contract. The suit will be for extras and to recover the penalty retained by the city for more than a year's delay in completion of the system.

THREE STATE BUILDINGS AT THE EXPOSITION SOLD

NORFOLK, VA., June 20.—Three of the State buildings at the Jamestown Exposition were sold to-day, as follows: North Carolina building, sold to C. A. Woodard, price paid not given; New York building, sold to the State of New York; Ohio building, sold to L. H. Swan for \$7,000.

ASK PRINCIPAL'S REMOVAL

This Said to Be Outcome of Investi-
gation in Newport News.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., June 20.—According to reliable reports, the special committee of the board of school trustees, appointed to investigate a recent controversy between Superintendent of Schools W. C. Morton and Professor J. W. Tinsley, principal of the High School, has decided to recommend that Professor Tinsley be removed from his position. It is understood further that the committee will report that both officials were equally at fault, and it is possible that steps against the superintendent may be taken before the State Board of Education.

Superintendent Morton and Professor Tinsley had a row in the High School building several days ago, and some pretty harsh language was used. Mr. Morton preferred charges against the principal, and Mr. E. W. Huffman, a member of the board, was the principal witness. It is generally believed that an adverse report upon the work of Professor Tinsley, made by Professor Morton to the school board, was responsible for the trouble.

DOG DIES OF RABIES

Man and Child Bitten by It Taking
Pasture Treatment.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MANASSAS, VA., June 20.—On Wednesday, in a minor report, a dog belonging to Mr. R. N. Merchant bit a little daughter of Mrs. Maggie Jeffries, terribly lacerating her face. The same dog bit a boy named Harry, who was also bitten. The dog was stopped up on Wednesday night and the next morning was found dead in the road.

Mr. Burke hearing that this dog had been bitten some time ago by a supposed mad dog, took the dog's head to the Agricultural Department, in Washington, for examination. The doctors who made the examination yesterday pronounced it a case of the rabies, and said the dog died from the disease. The Jeffries child and Mr. Burke are both taking the pasture treatment at the State Hospital in Washington.

All dogs in Manassas have been ordered muzzled until September 1st. Several dogs were bitten by Mr. Merchant's dog.

TOWN IS DESOLATE

Trees for Which It Was Famous Laid
by Cyclone.

WASHINGTON, PA., June 20.—Damage amounting to over \$500,000, it is estimated, was done in Washington county by the cyclone which tore wide swath through the middle of the county last night.

In the oil fields of the Standard Oil Company, near Washington, tanks were overturned and their contents spread destruction among growing crops in fields. Barrels were lowered and engines and boilers were practically demolished. Once the boat of the county, if not of the State, for its beautiful shade trees, the town was left with more than half the trees splintered and digging their branches into pavements and porch roofs. It will be weeks before the town can be cleaned up. Several persons are reported to have been injured by bricks and debris, but none seriously.

FOR BREAKING INTO CHURCH

Petersburg Man Found Asleep in Sanctu-
ary Held for Trial.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., June 20.—William McClure, a Petersburg trunk maker, who was arrested while sleeping in St. Paul's Episcopal Church several days ago, was to-day held for the grand jury on the charge of breaking into the church and the First Baptist Church. McClure claims he had been drinking, and that he knows nothing about being in either church. He was in quest of communion wine, and secured it at St. Paul's. At the Baptist Church he smashed eighty of the individual communion glasses and stole a lot of ice tacks, which he sold and afterwards recovered.

GARFIELD IN HONOLULU

Will Visit Corner of Kilauea and Make
Tour of Islands.

HONOLULU, June 20.—The secretary of the Interior, James R. Garfield, sailed today on a visit to the crater of Kilauea and a tour of the islands of Hawaii and Maui. He will return next Thursday and take passage on the steamer St. Louis for a trip to the island of Kauai. In a speech at the Commercial Club to-day Secretary Garfield said that the question of race, labor and land shall have my consideration. Your labor conditions are not satisfactory. Some of you have not been given enough consideration to land and conditions from the viewpoint of the native Hawaiian people. It is declared that only a bridge is needed in the Orient and you fail to realize that what may have been all right in the past may not be all right now or in the future.

TRACES OF POISON

Expert Reports to Coroner in Guinness
Murder Mystery.

LAPORTE, IND., June 20.—The first positive information of the manner in which Belle Guinness was alleged to have caused the death of at least ten victims and disposed of the persons whose bodies were found in her private cemetery was obtained today. Dr. Walter Haynes, of Rush Medical College, Chicago, reported informally to Coroner Metcalf that he had found traces of arsenic and strychnine in the stomach of Andrew Heiglein, of Aberdeen, S. D., whose dismembered body was found in a ditch near the town. The fire which caused the death of Mrs. Guinness and her three children.

OUTLET TO GREAT LAKES

Virginia Railway Reported to Have
Made Trade Arrangement.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., June 20.—A report is current in Norfolk that the Virginia Railway has succeeded in making trade arrangements with the Kansas and Michigan Railway, thus securing an outlet to the Great Lakes for the system. According to the report, the Virginia Railway is alleged to be in the process of building a bridge across the Kanawha River to make the physical connection. General Manager Dupuy was out at the city to-day and could not be reached in reference to the report.

SON OF JUDGE LEWIS SUSTAINS FRACTURE OF THIGH

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., June 20.—M. B. Lewis, of this city, sustained a fractured thigh at the Fair Grounds in going over a hurdle in a race this afternoon. Mr. Lewis is a son of Judge L. L. Lewis, of Richmond.

REPUBLICAN PARTY IN FULL RETREAT

Ignores Many Reforms Wisely
Advocated by Mr. Roose-
velt, Bryan Declares.

HAS RECEDED FROM PRESIDENT'S STAND

Democratic Leader Cites Seven
Propositions on Which G. O. P.
Has Either Failed to Say
Anything or Has Said
Too Little, He
Thinks.

INCOLN, NEB., June 20.—Under the caption, "In Full Retreat," William J. Bryan, in the next issue of the Commoner, will discuss the Republican convention, as follows:

"The Republicans who attended the national convention at St. Paul and joined in the demonstration in favor of President Roosevelt and Senator La Follette, must have felt indignant as they watched the panic-stricken delegates running over each other in their effort to get away from the La Follette reforms, some of which had been endorsed by the President himself.

As to Publicity.

"Congressman Cooper, of Wisconsin, representing the La Follette men, brought in a minority report signed by himself alone. Fifty-two members of the committee signed the majority report, and one signed the minority report. The Republican party will find the ratio of fifty-two to one a very embarrassing one to deal with in the coming campaign. The Cooper report contained a declaration in favor of publicity as a campaign fund.

"It was lost by a vote of 850 to 91, more than nine to one, and yet the President has been advocating legislation, in favor of publicity as a campaign contribution, and the party has recoiled from the passage of a publicity bill. How fortunate it was that Secretary Taft's letter was finally discovered and published. Senator Burrows, the man to whom the Taft letter was addressed, was a member of the majority of the convention, and the convention over which he presided turned down the publicity plank by a vote of 9 to 1. Who will deny that on this subject the Republican party is retreating?

"Another plank of the La Follette platform authorized the President to make a letter to the railroads. The plank was lost by a vote of 911 to 66, nearly fifteen to one, and yet President Roosevelt has advocated this very proposition. Here is a retreat on the railroad question."

"In another column reference is made to the injunction plank, which was adopted by the Republican convention as a retreat from the position taken by the President and from the position taken by Secretary Taft in his speeches, although neither of them went as far as they did in the convention, and their efforts to prevent what is known as 'government by injunction.'

Platform Is Silent.

"Here is the third retreat. 'The President has advocated the income tax as a means of preventing swollen fortunes and of equalizing the burdens of government. The Republican platform is silent on the subject. Was the President right in the position he took? If so, then the convention was wrong in not endorsing him. Will the Republican voters follow the President in this just demand, or will they follow the Republican organization in retreating from it?

"The President advocated an inheritance tax, but the Republican convention is silent on that subject. Was the President ahead of the Republican party in advocating this reform, or was he behind? The party recoiled from the President's position? Did the President give a false alarm on this question, or has the party sounded a retreat?

"In the President's message to Congress last spring he presented a strong case against the conspiracy formed among the great law breakers to prevent the enforcement of the law and to evade the punishments provided by law. The platform adopted by the Republican convention contains no limitation of power. It is a complete compromise. The convention did not see them; if there are any combinations, it had not heard of them; if there are any dangers, they are unconscious of them. Was the President mistaken when he issued his defiance, or are the Republican managers deceived when they think that an aroused public will calmly contemplate the encroachments of predatory wealth? This is retreat number six.

Election of Senators.

"The convention, by vote of 865 to 114, more than seven to one, voted down the plank for the direct election of United States Senators. It is true that the President and Secretary Taft have never advocated the popular election of Senators. They seem to take the Hamiltonian rather than the Jeffersonian view. But the popular reform in the United States to-day is the reform that has for its object the election of United States Senators by direct vote.